

HAM UNITED GROUP CIC -YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP-CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Meeting notes

Thursday 20th February 2014

at 8pm in the Library Community Room

Present

Justine Glynn (Chair), Ian Bowden, Danielle Coleman, Andrew Doel, John Hatto, Carole Hegedus, Jean Loveland, Briony Rowland, Chris Ruse, Dan Simmons, Chas Warlow, Cllr David Williams, Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies

Andrew Beedham, Mark Brand, Wendy Hatto, Cllr Sue Jones, Jill Lamb, Cllr Brian Miller, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Mary Pitteway, Matthew and Julia Rees

1. Welcome and introductory remarks

Justine welcomed all to the meeting, particularly new member Dan Simmons. Andres has asked anyone who has any membership forms, or signs up a new member, to send details to him. Suggestion that the HUG postcards could be circulated at the next Green Screen.

2. Approval of HUG minutes 16th January 2014 and matters arising

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Under AOB, David mentioned that a useful meeting with Philip Wealthy re Cassel Hospital has now taken place.

3. Neighbourhood Forum update

- The committee is putting together a mission statement to explore what makes Ham and Petersham special, explaining what Neighbourhood Forum is for, and reminding residents that everyone has something to contribute

- 3rd April – open consultation to gather a wide variety of views to contribute to planning
- The drafting team is working on the Plan, and has already produced a draft leaflet
- Articles will be included in the next H&P Magazine
- Suggested that NF approaches the library with a noticeboard and table for NF info to be displayed in the library foyer

4. Project updates

- **Green screen:** launch was very successful – excellent turnout and good discussion. £63.88 was raised which covers expenses for all 4 screenings. Agreed that screenings should be followed up with opportunities for action – eg, people who want to clear plastic bags could be given details of litter-picks organised by H&P Assoc and John Hatto’s ‘Capital clean-up’(see bullet 3). Next screening 7pm Wed 26th Feb on sugar industry
- **Ham Hydro:** public meeting on 4th Feb in Teddington went well, with lots of points raised which have been added to the website as FAQs. Will be resubmitting plans with some amendments to design – very positive feel to project
- **Ham Lands:** ‘Capital clean-up’ 10.30am Sat 1st March jct Ashburnham Road and Riverside Drive by mini-roundabout. Tongs and gloves can be supplied. The site of the pond (on the Ham House side of Thames Young Mariners) intended for development will also be inspected. If you want to come, do email John Hatto in advance, particularly if you can’t make it by 10.30am johnhatto1@gmail.com
- **Eel training:** this will be 13th or 15th May, starting at Teddington Lock to watch the progress of the eels up river. Please email John with your preferred date (email above)

5. Additional items

- **HUG banking and insurance** – agreed to continue our TCV membership and premium of £196.76, and add All Risks for additional £18.55 to cover computers etc. £6738.54 currently in the bank, but £3300 needed for outstanding projects and the swimming pool fund currently holds £2800 due to be paid to Grey Court
- **Nature’s Gym** – previously Conservation Volunteers, aiming to recruit volunteers to work on local open spaces, but difficulty with getting it restarted. Needs to provide a tight programme of conservation projects and dates. Will be referred to NF, with request for representatives to circulate info around their memberships
- **Ham Close uplift consultation result** – public meeting Monday 24th Feb

